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SUBJ: SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE OF TELEGRAMS ON QA

ANNIVERSARY

REFS: STATE 185023; BONN 12871

1. SUMMARY: BOTH PRINCIPAL BERLIN NEWSPAPERS CARRIED
FRONT PAGE ARTICLES ON AUGUST 1 REPORTING THAT SOVIET UNION
HAD PROPOSED THAT FOUR SIGNATORIES OF QA MEET AND/OR ISSUE
COMMON STATEMENT ON AGREEMENT'S ANNIVERSARY. END SUMMARY.

2. MORGENPOST CLAIMED THAT "THE SOVIET UNION HAS PROPOSED
TO ALL THREE WESTERN POWERS THAT ON SEPTEMBER 3, THE
FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE FOUR POWER
AGREEMENT, THE AMBASSADORS OF THE FOUR SIGNATORY POWERS
SHOULD MEET AND ISSUE A COMMON DECLARATION. IT APPEARS
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THAT THIS INITIATIVE OF THE KREMLIN SURFACED SO FAR AT

TWO DIFFERENT LEVELS. HOWEVER, IT HAS APPARENTLY ONLY BEEN MADE IN AN ORAL FORM. MORGENPOST STATED THAT THE SOVIET WISH IS CURRENTLY BEING EXAMINED IN ALLIED CAPITALS, AND ADDED THAT "FROM THE ALLIED SIDE IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT BASIC CONSIDERATIONS WOULD PRECLUDE IN ANY CASE A DISCUSSION AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, HOWEVER, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, A COMMON DECLARATION ON THE ANNIVERSARY WOULD NOT BE REJECTED."

3. TAGESSPIEGEL REPORTED THAT "THE SOVIET UNION, ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES, HAS PROPOSED TO THE THREE WESTERN POWERS THAT THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BERLIN AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971 BE THE OCCASION FOR A DECLARATION BY THE FOUR POWERS WHO SIGNED THE AGREEMENT. ORIGINALLY, THE SOVIETS WERE THINKING IN TERMS OF CALLING FOR A MEETING OF THE AMBASSADORS REPRESENTING THE FOUR POWERS IN GERMANY. THE REFERENCE TO A MEETING OF AMBASSADORS EVOKED AN IMMEDIATE NEGATIVE REACTION AMONG THE WESTERN POWERS. THEY WISH TO AVOID ANY STEPS THAT COULD GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT FIVE YEARS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE BERLIN AGREEMENT, IT WAS NECESSARY TO ENGAGE IN CONSULTATIONS OVER ITS APPLICATION. THE SOVIET PROPOSAL TO ENGAGE IN AN EXCHANGE OF DECLARATIONS IS CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED BY THE THREE WESTERN POWERS WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC."

4. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL PRESS INQUIRIES ON POSSIBILITY OF FOUR POWER MEETINGS ON ANNIVERSARY OF QA. CHAIRMAN (US) PRESS SPOKESMAN REPLIED THAT WE WERE UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH PLANS. SHOULD WE BE QUERRIED ABOUT EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS, WE PLAN TO REPLY QUOTE: AS OF THIS TIME, THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR ANY FOUR POWER EXCHANGES ON THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QA. UNQUOTE. GEORGE

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